IN THE ALTMARKT.

From Harper's Bazar.

Violet had lost both her situation and her lover when Mrs. Van Buren called.

"I've just had a letter from my old friend, Frau Schilling, in Dresden," she said. "She wants me to find her a companion in America who can sing a little. Could anything be more fortunate? I propose to send you, Violet."

"You are very kind to think of me. But in order to go, I shall be obliged to use all the money I put aside for a rainy day."

"But it is not exactly fair weather now, is it? Besides, it will be capital well invested. You will see the world, you will learn German, and you will forget M. Dabney and perhaps marry a German baron."

"I don't want to marry a German baron, but I think I will go. Thank you."

And the next outward-bound German steamer carried her to Hamburg. Not knowing a syllable of the German tongue, she engaged a young German woman who was returning home to travel with her to Dresden, where Frau Schilling met her. She found her situation no sinecure, to be sure. Frau Schilling's English was so broken as to be almost beyond repair. Once or twice Violet went out with her to afternoon tea, where she sat like a statue, trying with all her might to grasp the thread of the conversation in vain; the loneliness of a stranger in a foreign land, unable to speak the language, possessed her. It sometimes seemed to her that she should die unless she could find somebody to whom she could rehearse her thoughts and trials in good terse English. Frau Schilling lived in the eastern part of the city, in a street leading out of Durerstrasse. Although it was remote from the central market places and the shops, and from almost everything, it made up for this inconvenience by being cheap, but Frau Schilling convinced everybody that she lived there for the pure air and the view. Of course the tramway ran near, on its way to Blasewitz, but Frau Schilling and her companion walked when they went out—it was so much healthier. Violet had been to the Royal Gallery and the Altmarkt but once, in the convoy of Frau Schilling, when one afternoon, after she had been a fortnight in the city, it occurred to her to walk out alone, and make acquaintance with the place. It was quite late in the day, however, before she started, and the sky was already a deep saffron color in the west. She remembered that Frau Schilling had conducted her down Durerstrasse, past Holbeinplatz, through the narrow Zeigelstrasse, pausing to look at the Saxon monument at the corner of the Botanical garden, where death, with his hourglass, stands like a shadow behind the warrior. The stream of passers scarcely observed her as she loitered upon the Terrace of Bruhl, and stopped to count the spires in the Neustadt; a band was playing in the Belvedere some homesick strain that pursued her as she went on toward the gilded groups of statuary that adorn the flight of steps going to the Schlossplatz.

The sunset light was upon everything; a steamer was towing a fleet of barges up the river; the hills across the Elbe looked blue and enchanting in the distance, but it all made her feel more alone and bereft. It was a fair, a great world; but what did it signify to her now that John Dabney had forgotten her? She crossed the Platz and went slowly up Schlossstrasse and into the Altmarkt; it was the longest way round, but it was the only way she knew. She ventured into one or two shops, and struggled to make herself understood, vainly; she stopped with the crowd to gaze in at the windows of a print shop at some effort of the modern masters, and wondered if it was wrong to think them quite as satisfactory as some of the masterpieces Frau Schilling had pointed out to her in the Royal Gallery. The Altmarkt was thronged with people; carriages hastened, who knows where; every one seemed gay and cheerful; she wished with all her heart that she knew a few of these pretty women, these kindly matrons; she longed to hear somebody speak her name over her shoulder, to happen suddenly upon some familiar face. Once she passed two people speaking English, and she turned back and made believe an interest in the embroideries in a neighboring window that she might listen to the delicious sounds.

"I was so surprised to see him," the lady was saying. "He said he had come to Dresden on important business; I can't think what it is."

"Perhaps he will tell you," laughed her companion.

"Oh, no; nothing of the kind; he never was sweet upon me; we are first cousins."

"And cousins are dangerous things. When did he leave New York?"

New York! Violet's heart bounded; here was somebody straight from home. Perhaps she knew him. At any rate he must know John Dabney; and she found herself wondering what this stranger's "important business" might be; but at the thought of John her "old sorrow woke and cried." It was such a mere trifle that had separated them; "the little rift within the lute." How foolish it had all been, and yet how irrevocable! How sorely she missed his kindness, his presence, the right to think of him as belonging to her! How bleak and barren the world seemed without him! Life was ended for her; that is, all that made life worth living had left her; nothing signified after that. She could think of nothing in all the world that could make amends to her for all she had squandered, and she had a doubt if heaven would be heaven without him. In the distraction of her thoughts she had walked on till she was tired, and now she turned back into the Altmarkt. How the scene had changed! The people, the shops, the carriages, were still there, to be sure, and the figure of Germania in center of the square still seemed to soar into the voilet heavens. It was all another world by gas light; such necromancy had been wrought that Violet could not tell which direction to take toward home; so many cross lights puzzled her. Everybody was hastening homeward; everybody had some one waiting and watching for his approach, some one thinking of him. Only she was forlorn and alone and desolate. She forgot that.

"No wind could drive her bark astray,
Or change the tide of destiny."

Of course it would be impossible for Violet to lose herself to-day in Dresden. She laughs at the idea; but at that time it was quite a different story. The Altmarkt, as everybody knows, is a square shut in with shops, with two streets leading out of it from each of its four corners, so to speak. In a frenzy of fear Violet chose one of these streets; if it were the Schlossstrasse through which she had come to the Altmarkt she knew it would presently bring her in view of the thoroughfare leading into the Schlossplatz, where the gilded groups on the stairway of Bruhl's Terrace would show her that she was all right for home. That was the only route she knew, but after walking some distance, the street ended against a dark forbidding building; then she retraced her weary steps and hurried to the opposite direction into Wilsdruferstrasse, and as this opens upon the Portplatz, she soon saw that she was wrong again; always she returned to the Altmarkt, feeling that this was her only guide and safety, as the street which had brought her there must still lead out of it, unless some enchantment had been at work.

In her haste and excitement she explored one street after another without hitting upon the right one, and, in fact, following several of them more than once before recognizing her mistake. If it had been daylight, she felt that all would have been well, the adventure would have been delightful; but here, with the clocks striking eight in the darkness, made more perplexing by the numberless lights, without a German word in her vocabulary, it was anything but comfortable. Desperate at length, when the Schlossstrasse really seemed to vanish out of existence, she accosted a woman and asked her way in English. The woman smiled and shook her head. It was of no use asking the way; nobody understood her. She was hungry, and cold and faint. It seemed to her that she had been hunting for the Schlossstrasse for hours, and might continue in that occupation all night if no one came to her aid. There were the droschkas, drawn up in long lines, waiting for passengers who never seemed to arrive, the drivers wrapped in their blankets, smoking or sleeping contentedly; but she dare not take one, even if she could have made the driver understand where she wished to go. At that time she did not know that a Dresden droschka is as safe as one's roof tree. At last she paused in her mad and despairing haste to beg help of a gentleman with his wife upon his arm. They stopped and listened, regarding her compassionately. They answered her in broad German and she replied in effusive English. It seemed to her that the woman began to regard her with suspicion, to question if she were a beggar, or what. The man opened his purse. Violet shook her head, and the tears sprang into her eyes. "I have lost my way," she persisted. "If I could find the terrace I should be all right. I know the way well from there." While she spoke somebody else stopped and listened, arrested by her voice.

"Violet! Violet!" somebody said, close at her elbow; and Violet answered:

"Oh, John! John, is it you?"

"Yes, it is I. I found I couldn't live without you." And Violet was in his arms, safe and happy, and the German gentleman and his wife smiled at each other and at Violet, who no longer saw anybody in the crowded square but John Dabney.

—"That Miss Jones is a nice-looking girl, isn't she?"

"Yes, and she'd be the belle of the town if it wasn't for one thing."

"What's that?"

"She has catarrh so bad that it is unpleasant to be near her. She has tried a dozen things and nothing helps her. I am sorry, for I like her, but that doesn't make it any less disagreeable for one to be around her."

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